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Delay in the payment of salaries to the teachers of the elementary schools under the South Kanara District Board.

* 761 *Q.*—SRI T. ANANTHA PAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was any delay in the payment of salaries to the elementary school teachers under the District Board of South Kanara recently; and

(*b*) whether the salary was allowed to run into arrears for two months?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The salary was in arrears only for one month, i.e., December last and that in respect of Kasaragod and Puttur taluks only."

SRI T. ANANTHA PAI :—" Similar complaints have been received for the past two years. I am sure the Government will appreciate that considerable embarassment is caused to the poor teachers by their salary being allowed to fall into arrears. Will the Government take steps to prevent delay in payment of salaries at least in future? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" When it is brought to the notice of the Government that local boards are in want of funds for disbursement of salary to the teachers, advances are given to them freely."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" When local bodies cannot pay salary to all the teachers, the tendency on their part has been to make payment only to those who make much noise, with the result that the innocent suffer. Will the Government take steps to see that equity is observed by local bodies in the payment of salary to teachers? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am not aware of that. But there is a proverb in Tamil 'அழுகிற குழந்தைக் குத்தான் பால் கிடைக்கும்'."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Are the Government aware that the Malabar District Board also had not paid salary to the elementary school teachers for the last three months? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The main question is about South Kanara. Let the hon. Member give notice of a separate question."

Postponement of the repayment of takkavi loans.

* 762 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of representations made to the Government from 1st October 1953 to postpone the repayment of takkavi loans in different parts of the State; and

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(*b*) what instructions were issued by the Government on these representations?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" (*a*) & (*b*) Eight petitions relating to the districts of Tanjore, Tiruchirappalli, South Arcot and North Arcot were transferred to the Collectors concerned for disposal. Sixteen petitions relating to the Nilgiris district were received.

" The Government have ordered that the collection of loan amounts sanctioned for digging and deepening wells in Dharapuram taluk, Coimbatore district, should be postponed till the end of June 1954. In the case of the Nilgiris and Tiruchirappalli districts, the Collector and his subordinates have been directed to use their discretion before taking coercive steps. The Government have further issued orders that coercive steps should not be taken for the collection of loan instalments in the areas mentioned below:—

Tirunelveli district ..	Sankarankoil taluk, excluding Vasudevanallur firka.
	The entire Koilpatti taluk.
	Madavankurichi and Gangaikondan firkas of Tirunelveli taluk and Radhapuram sub-taluk of Nanguneri taluk.
Ramanathapuram district.	Srivilliputtur taluk.
South Arcot district ..	Gingee and Tindivanam taluks.
Tanjore district ..	Sengipatti, Vallam, Ulur and Murthiambalpuram firkas of Tanjore taluk.
	Nachikulam and Thalainayar firkas of Tiruturaipundi taluk.
Chingleput district	Kancheepuram and Chingleput taluks.
North Arcot district ..	Wandiwash taluk.

" In the remaining taluks of Chingleput and North Arcot districts and in the Madurai district the Collectors and their subordinates have been instructed to use their discretion before taking coercive action."

The Kattalai High Level Channel Scheme.

* 763 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any memorial, dated 3rd January 1954, from the Tiruchirappalli Taluk Kadarambam Mirasdars' Association, regarding the Kattalai High Level Channel Scheme; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon?